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Letter dated 30 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter of today's date from the Governor of the Bihać Region of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

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From the Republic of Croatia, the so-called Krajina Serbs continue their aggression against the Bihać safe area on the sovereign territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Chetniks are in the suburbs of Bihać town where intense hand-to-hand combat is taking place. In their heavy attacks against civilian and military targets, the Chetnik forces are using sophisticated long-range artillery, tanks and helicopters; their resumed use of jets and missiles cannot be ruled out. The entire Bihać region is in catastrophe. The regional hospital is overflowing with the wounded, and food and medicine are in short supplies.

The Bihać safe area is a striking example of the international community's indifference in stopping the expansion of Serbian fascism in these areas, Bosniacs and Croats and anti-Chetnik Serbs being the victimized population. The Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina resists the aggressor with its utmost efforts, but does not have sufficient strength to stop five armies attacking from all sides. We have been deprived of the right to defend ourselves, because our enemies are sitting in international forums, being allowed to manipulate decisions on our destiny, while the Russians have supplied our enemies with some of the most modern weaponry.

The so-called Krajina Serbs prevent the passage of humanitarian convoys through the region, depriving the population of food and medicine, and at the same time the aggressor forces destroy Bosniac and Croat villages and towns, denying us the right to have homes. The fact that 70,000 refugees are looking for shelter in this area increases our concern.

The international community, led by you, watches this entire ordeal while doing nothing to stop this fascism of the twentieth century. Appeasement has become collaboration. The aggressor lacks nothing, having food, fuel, heavy weapons, hate and the wish to kill everything not Serbian. It seems as if this fascism is preferred to the decent and honest struggle of our population for mere survival. It is ever increasingly clear how a heavily equipped Chetnik "armada" could simply walk by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) across an international border and attack our State. This aggression you did not even try to stop.

If you are not willing to perform your mandate in conformity with clear Security Council resolutions and with international law, we beg you, for the sake of the survival of these people as well as for the sake of the future of other nations that could find themselves in similar positions, to give up your function to those who would respect it. It is only then that these exhausted people could live to see appropriate protection extended in conformity with the resolutions of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mirsad VELADZIĆ
Governor, Bihać Region